

VIRGINIA ELECTORS AND THEIR SECRETARY

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CASTRO IS RESTLESS

Hopes To-Day Will Bring Decision in His Case.

New York, January 12.—Cipriano Castro, former President of Venezuela, is looking forward to to-morrow in the hope that it will bring a decision of the immigration authorities as to whether he will be permitted to enter the country or be deported as an undesirable alien. His case is scheduled to be taken up to-morrow by the immigration board.

General Castro spent a restless Sunday on Ellis Island. The only visitor was his valet, Fred Torregrossa, who came over with Castro and has been permitted to land. Torregrossa remained all day at the immigration station with Castro. The general has been detained at Ellis Island since his arrival early last week from France, and yesterday a writ of habeas corpus sued out to bring his case before a Federal Court was dismissed by United States Judge Holt.

LOAN IS APPROVED

Agreement Reached By Six Powers Group of Bankers.

Peking, January 12.—It is announced that the representatives of the six powers group of bankers meeting in London have approved the agreement with respect to the proposed loan of \$125,000,000 to China.

How It Is Apportioned.

London, January 12.—The Times announces that at their meetings in London the representatives of the six-power group reached unanimous decisions on the various conditions of the Chinese loan.

According to the Peking correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, the American share of the loan will be \$35,000,000; the British and French, \$30,000,000 each; Germany, \$15,000,000; Japan and Russia, \$10,000,000 each; and the Crip group \$3,000,000.

FIRE IN THE KAISER'S PALACE.

Firemen Treated to Royal Wine After Extinguishing Blaze.

Potsdam, January 12.—A small fire occurred yesterday at the Kaiser's new palace here, but it was extinguished before much damage was done.

The fire brigade, always on duty at the palace, was aided in the work by the Potsdam fire department, while the Emperor superintended the operations.

After the fire had been extinguished the Kaiser treated the firemen to wine from the palace cellars.

END DEAD LETTER LOTTERY

Washington Merchants Force Exposure of Contents at Sale.

Washington, January 12.—Early in December the Post-Office Department advertised a dead letter sale in Washington. At all dead letter sales heretofore the purchasers bought "eight unsent," a sort of pig in the poke.

The merchants of Washington did not like the idea of the government advertising a dead letter sale.

They sent a delegation to the State Department to urge the cancellation of the sale.

The State Department, however, announced that the annual dead letter and package sale will be held January 20, but that all letters, parcels, etc., will be opened, so that the bidders may know for what they are bidding.

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JAMES M. HAYES, JR.
Clerk Messenger.
FLOYD W. KING

ELECTORS TO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT

Men Who Name Chief Magistrate Gather To-Day at Capitol.

GET MILEAGE WITH \$5.00 EACH

MAY EXERCISE CHOICE, BUT ALL

Will Be for Wilson and Marshall—James M. Hayes, Jr., to Be Secretary and Probably Messenger to Washington.

Virginia's presidential electors will meet at 12 o'clock noon today in the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth O. James, in the Capitol.

and cast twelve votes for Woodrow Wilson for President of the United States, and for Thomas R. Marshall for Vice-President.

Actually, Governor Wilson has not yet been elected President. The voters do not cast their ballots directly for any candidate for the presidency, but vote instead for electors, chosen by the various political parties.

In every State Capitol in the country the sets of electors receiving the highest number of votes in the November election will gather to-day and will cast their ballots.

A large majority of them will be for Wilson and Marshall. Some will be for Roosevelt and Johnson, while a very few indeed will vote for William Howard Taft and for somebody as yet undetermined.

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J. NORMENT POWELL

FINAL RUPTURE IS NEAR AT HAND

Peace Delegates Likely to Leave London This Week.

BLAME FOR BREAK PLACED ON TURKEY

Out of Respect for England, Porte Is Asked for Definite Instructions—Allies Believe Great Powers Responsible for Present Gravity of Situation.

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HILL MONTAGUE

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BIGELOW IS APPOINTED.

Alsberg Makes Him Member of Board of Food and Drug Inspection.

Washington, January 12.—Dr. Carl L. Alsberg, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, to-day announced the appointment of Dr. William D. Bigelow as a member of the Board of Food and Drug Inspection, which passes on all cases of alleged violation of the pure food law.

Dr. Bigelow, who fills the vacancy caused by the voluntary retirement of Dr. R. E. Donnell, has been with the Bureau of Chemistry for twenty years, and has served as assistant chief since 1903.

The other members of the board are Dr. Alsberg, chairman, and A. G. Mitchell. It was because of friction with fellow-members of the board that Dr. Alsberg resigned from the board of the Bureau of Chemistry, retired, after declaring that his efforts to enforce the pure food law were annulled by the dissenting opinions of his colleagues in the Department of Agriculture.

The Board of Food and Drug Inspection weighs the evidence presented against food and drugs and considers the arguments of the manufacturers. When, in the opinion of the board, a prosecution is warranted, it recommends that the Secretary of Agriculture institute the evidence to the Department of Justice.

GIVES WOMAN FREE SPEECH

Court Upholds Her Right to Talk as Long as She Wishes.

St. Louis, January 12.—A woman's right to talk so long as she wishes was upheld in the Probate Court by Judge Holt Camp, who refused to compel Miss Minnie Wagner to answer categorically a question asked by Attorney Carl Otto.

Miss Wagner, who is executrix of the estate of her father, Melchior Wagner, was being questioned as to the ownership of \$1,500 and to many of Otto's questions she entered into long explanations. Finally the attorney said:

"If you can stop a woman from talking before she is ready, it is more than I can do. I am not going to try it, either." The judge said: "Proceed with the examination and let the witness answer the questions fully."

Attorney Otto conceded that he knew of no way to stop a woman's tongue. He said he did not want to have the court's assurance that only relevant statements would be considered.

RESULT IN DOUBT

Five Announced Candidates for Senators From Tennessee.

Nashville, Tenn., January 12.—As provided for by the Constitution, the balloting for two United States Senators from Tennessee, one for the long term and the other for the short term, caused by the death of the late Senator Robert L. Taylor, will begin here Tuesday morning.

On the eve of the balloting the five announced candidates for the long term and their friends have gathered in Nashville, and the result of the contest is much in doubt.

MAY BE CANDIDATE

Secretary of Navy Meyer Is Willing

Washington, January 12.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer to-night announced that he might be a candidate for the United States Senate from Massachusetts.

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PRESTON W. CAMPBELL
J. GORDON BOHANNON

PARTY PROBLEMS MUST BE SOLVED

Preparation for Them Now Takes Time of Congress.

OBTAINING FACTS FOR FUTURE BILLS

Measures to Be Passed in Coming Democratic Administration Will Be Based on Results of Trust and Money Investigations Now Under Way.

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URNS KIDNAPPER TO WED FOR MONEY

Plans to Force Marriage With Heiress Are Frustrated.

NOW SINCLAIR MUST FACE TRIAL

Prosecution of Youth Who Abducted Miss Anna Steckel Will Be Pushed Vigorously—His Companion in Escape Is Looked Upon as Semi-Innocent.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Allentown, Pa., January 12.—Allentown to-day is suffering from conversational indigestion. The kidnapping episode of late yesterday afternoon, when Miss Anna Steckel, the millionaire heiress of that city and only child of Reuben P. Steckel, known as the John Jacob Astor of Allentown, was carried away in an automobile from her home by Samuel Sinclair, a civil engineer, employed by the State, and H. Walter Starr, of 117 South Seventeenth Street, Philadelphia, a member of the graduating class of Lehigh University, has furnished the food for talk.

There was a surfeit. By evening the talkers were pretty well satisfied, and had resolved the facts of the situation into these:

Sinclair had been the chief figure in the attempted kidnapping.

Starr was a sort of semi-innocent accessory.

Both men had been released on \$1,000 bond each, and had gone to their homes, Sinclair to Kennett Square, and Starr to Philadelphia.

Miss Steckel had been painfully gripped by the aggressive treatment of Sinclair, while she lay in the automobile, which was used in the abduction.

Sinclair had wanted to force her into marriage for the money she possessed.

Shown Him No Favor.

Miss Steckel never saw Sinclair a single hint of favor. They had been together on just three occasions, alone only once.

Sinclair had brought his father to interview Miss Steckel's father on her money. He had been heard to make the boast that he would never leave Allentown until he had "married money."

It was said that when he had first come to Allentown a little more than a year ago, he was written with a certain young woman, prominent in society, and that she liked him. The girl is remarkably pretty, but she was not an heiress. Her marriageable qualifications included no dowry, Sinclair, it is said, soon dropped her.

There were many others.

Sinclair's many disagreements with the girls of his choice came, it is here said, not because of any unusually vicious tendencies on his part, but because of the generous, frivolous attitude he adopted. His faults consisted almost entirely, people say here, of "rather dangerous conversation and oscillatory excesses."

One girl in the "set," announced to-day that she had been kissed by Sinclair. Almost all the girls who had known Sinclair and had been known to have at some time or other accepted his favors, rose in protest.

There is a fact there is not a girl in Allentown who is supporting Sinclair or even sympathizes with him in his trouble. Of Starr little is said. He is not known at all in Allentown.

Hearing on Thursday.

By to-morrow the first-hand interested persons and others will have about talked themselves out on the subject, and will have to wait until 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon next, when Sinclair and Starr will have a hearing before Judge William F. Bower, who is also an alderman, will preside. Attorneys for the defense have not been announced; for the prosecution District

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LINER IS HELD FAST ON REEF; ALL PASSENGERS TAKEN OFF

Uranium Strikes Rocky Shore and Now Is In Perilous Position.

Halifax, N. S., January 12.—The steamer Uranium, of the Uranium Steamship Company, bound from Rotterdam for Halifax and New York, stranded on a reef during thick weather near the Chebucto Head Light Station, nine miles below Halifax, at 11 o'clock to-day, and to-night is still held fast in the grip of the rocky shore.

Her 800 passengers, 100 in the cabin and the rest in the steerage, were taken off the steamer this afternoon by the government steamer Lady Laurier and a small fleet of harbor craft, and were safely landed in Halifax to-night.

Not a Life Lost.

Although the hundreds of passengers to the rescue boats, the work was safely accomplished and not a life was lost.

Captain Eustace and his crew remaining aboard ship, which is hanging by her bow on the reef.

The captain hopes to get the steamer off at low water to-night. The escape

of the vessel from such a predicament generally is made at high water, but the captain thinks the weight of the after part of the steamer will gradually drag the Uranium free as the tide goes down.

There was much alarm, especially among the steerage passengers, when the ship struck, but officers and sailors soon succeeded in restoring calm.

The lightkeeper at Chebucto, who has telephone communication with Halifax, sent immediate news of the steamer's plight to the port authorities, who dispatched the Lady Laurier, the steamer Bridgewater and several tugs to the scene.

The rescue boats arrived at 2 P. M., and the transfer of the Uranium's passengers was begun at once. Three surf boats from the life saving station and the life boats of the Uranium were used. The Lady Laurier took women and children first and then the men were transferred to the Bridgewater.

Wind May Cause Disaster.

A heavy southwest wind was blowing when the Uranium ran ashore, and the steamer, therefore, was fortunately protected by Chebucto Head. If the wind veers to the opposite direction the steamer will be exposed to the sweep

of the Atlantic and in peril.

The steamer struck head-on when the tide was half-high, and late in the afternoon her bow was six feet under water, while there was seven fathoms of water under her amidships and seven fathoms at the stern. The plates at the bow are tipped open and No. 1 hold is flooded. The weather continued heavy to-night, and wrecking steamers are standing by the Uranium to rescue the crew should necessity arise.

The last of the rescue ships, the Lady Laurier, reached Halifax about 10 o'clock to-night, and in less than an hour her 600 passengers, women and children, were safely on shore. Some excitement followed as the women sought their husbands, the children their fathers and sisters and brothers. The male passengers were all on shore before them, and there were many affecting scenes when the separated families were united.

The steamer was far out of her course when she struck. She did not have a pilot on board. At midnight the wind had shifted and was blowing a gale from the north, kicking up a big sea and making the position of the stranded liner more perilous. The crew is still on board.

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Week Opens With Cold Wave Through East

Washington, January 12.—The week will open with a cold wave and low temperatures will continue during the first half of the week with generally fair weather, according to the weekly bulletin issued by the Weather Bureau to-day.

"In the Middle West," says the bulletin, "temperatures will be rising by Tuesday, preceding and attending the eastward movement of the low pressure area now over the Pacific Northwest. Snows will accompany this depression and by Tuesday will cover the western portion of the country except the West Gulf States. To the eastward rain and snow and rising temperatures may be expected after the middle of the week, while in the West there will be a return to fair and colder weather with the eastward movement."

"Another high pressure area is over Alabama. Toward the end of the week another disturbance will appear over the far Northwest, accompanied by rising temperatures and unsettled weather."

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